

ALEPPO TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Boston, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING
ELECTION OF OFFICERS — INITIATION OF CANDIDATES
BOSTON GARDEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1952

3:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES — ANNUAL REPORTS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1952

Conducted by the Imperial Potentate

**3:45 P.M. — RITUALISTIC DEGREE IN FULL FORM
INSPIRED CHARGE**

**4:30 to 7:00 P.M. — Buffet Dinner for
NOBILITY AND BLUE LODGE GUESTS**

5:45 P.M. — ORGAN CONCERT

Noble Harry Rodgers, Organist

6:30 P.M. — SHRINE BAND CONCERT

Walter M. Smith, Bandmaster

7:30 P.M. — EVENING CEREMONIES

Grand Entrance and Opening of Temple

Reception of Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Installation of Potentate-Elect and Elected Divan for 1952

by the Imperial Potentate

Presentation of Guests

Evening Parade and Review by the Aleppo Uniformed Units

Exhibition Drilling by Arab Patrol

ADDRESS BY THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

8:30 - 10:00 P.M. BIG STAGE VAUDEVILLE SHOW

SPECIAL NOTICE: A limited number of admission tickets will be available to Blue Lodge members for the Buffet Dinner, Installation and Evening entertainment. Tickets will be distributed only through the Masters of Blue Lodges within the Aleppo Shrine jurisdiction.

ATTEST:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE,
Recorder

ANDREW S. SEILER,
Illustrious Potentate

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE DATE, JANUARY 24 — AND PLACE, BOSTON GARDEN

IN MEMORIAM

During the Year 1951 the Names of 320 NOBLES Were Recorded As Having Been Taken by the "Black Camel"

A Shrine Memorial Service was conducted in the Old South Church, Boston, Sunday, January 13, 1952 by the Uniformed Units, for these departed Nobles.

Their names are listed by months as reported to the Temple

JANUARY

Elwin P. Archibald
Frank W. Atwood
Albert E. Barnes
Ferdinand J. Blake
Bertram A. Brown
Henry W. Caldwell
Earl S. Clark
Fred F. Cowden
Roscoe L. Davidson
Emery J. Davis
Sylvester R. Dean
Roy L. Dorr
Arthur G. Duncan
Charles H. Emery
John A. Gauthier
Leo Greenblatt
Olstin M. Higgins
Albert Ives
Herman L. Klein
Warren H. Liese
Fred C. Mackintosh
Everett L. MacLeod
Archie W. Osgood
John W. Packard
Stephen Ray
Deforest L. Rickard
William H. Sears
Edwin A. Shaw
Irvn L. Smith
Merrill A. Smith
George W. Sprague
Lee M. Waldron
John S. Whittemore
Artemas R. Wood
Frank E. Wright

FEBRUARY

Bernard Appel
Harvey W. Coates
Albert W. Crowell
Charles C. Fearing
Joseph D. Hildreth
William S. Leeson
John H. Miller
Earl E. Sabean
Frank A. Scholes
Robert J. O. Simpson
Valery H. Tarbell
John G. Watson
Frederick B. Wing

MARCH

Harry P. Burns
Harry Carlow
Charles H. Carter
Myron N. Conger
Harry A. Davis
Harry E. Dearborn
Grandison R. Downes
Robert A. Doyle
E. Mahlon Elder
Dr. Lyman S. Hapgood
Walter A. Hawkins
Carl B. Horton
Vernon W. Jewell
James H. Johnson
Irving L. Josselyn
Ernest Keepers
Kenneth L. Kimball
Howard W. Meacom
George G. Moyses
Charles Nichols
Frank A. North
Frank E. Oliver
John E. Ormiston
Harry W. Patterson
E. Allan Peirce
Aron Pinkney
Walter A. Reed
William F. Thomas, Jr.
Charles H. Wear
Arthur W. Walmsley
George A. Watson



APRIL

Leonhard Baer
Henry H. Bloom
Thomas Crosswell
Willis H. Doe
George L. Dolloff
Allyne W. Hixon
L. Blaine Libbey
Benett J. Orkin
John W. Robertson
Clayton W. Sawyer
Granville B. Spinney
William P. Steele
Jacob Stryker
Benjamin F. Stuart
Herbert C. Sumner
Elmer A. Thurston
Henry T. Vacher
Leonard Wilmot

MAY

William H. Bishop
Horace J. Blanchard
Iman H. Bornstein
Howard A. Briggs
Henry E. Cowdrey
Harry Goldenberg
William A. Goodearl
Louis E. Hathaway
Martin J. Heiligmann, Jr.
William Hiltz
John C. Hoage
Arthur P. Jones
Charles E. Lawrence
Roland E. Lee
Julius S. Levinson
Joseph Margolis
Neil McKeehan
William W. Neifert
Benjamin E. Newhall
Robert A. Parry
Charles B. Phillips
Arthur M. Pickering
Louis Pinkos
Robert Rubin
William H. Seaver
Everett L. Tewksbury
G. Harold Troupe
Ernest L. White
Jeffrey Wolfe

JUNE

Frederic W. Binns
Norman G. Brownsword
Albert H. Cutter
George H. Dodd
Edward E. Hill
Burchard E. Horne
Herbert C. Kelly
Harry H. Kent
Arthur W. Littlehale
Albert S. Livermore
Wilfred C. Mills
Frederick T. Morse
Forrest I. Neal
A. Burton Nelson
Alfred R. Paro
Leslie K. Snowdon
Frederick H. Tilton
Israel Titelbaum
George H. Tracy
Christian T. Vos
J. Robert Whitworth
Walter E. Wickstrom

JULY

Saul M. Goldberg
Don H. Johnson

John Kydd

James McCrone
Frank L. Nagle
George D. Ray
Robert L. Rice
Raymond E. Shum
Lorey A. Tourtellot

AUGUST

Christian J. Berglund
Roy N. Burgess
Lewis B. Esmond
Arthur N. Folsom
Fred A. Gliddens
Charles B. Macfarlane
Samuel McAulay
Guy W. Nelson
Henry G. Noble
Harry C. Peavey
William P. Pritchard
Edgar L. Ramsdell
Frank H. Remick
William A. Rowe
Max Shoolman
John F. Standish
Henry L. Walker
Percy L. Willis

SEPTEMBER

Max M. Alberts
Charles W. Alsterlund
Charles H. Beek
Lothrop M. Boehme
Joseph M. Brennan
David F. Cobb
George H. Dodge
Harry P. Douglass
John H. Dunkling
Calvin J. Ellis
Fred B. Emerson
Charles R. Enstrom
Harry J. Ferngold
Warren E. Fuller
Henry A. Ginsburg
Desmond A. Gronberg
Fred R. Hanson
Fred L. Harris
John F. Hubbard
Robert B. Hunter, Jr.
Hadley B. Jones
Charles E. Knowlton
Benjamin A. Lincoln
Walter T. Littlefield
Elmer L. Moore
John H. Nickerson
August F. Petersen
Bernard O. Pinkham
Lauri C. Pratt
William B. Robbins
Ira E. Rogers
Stephen W. Smith
Isaiah F. Spindell
Stephen Terry
Walter Wilson

OCTOBER

Andrew G. Aldrin
John J. Barry
Alick O. Benson
Charles E. Breene
Harry P. Christensen
Charles E. Cooke
Hugh W. Crawford
Leslie E. Griffin
Charles W. Halstead
George McF. Hamilton
Walter A. Hardy
Stanley Heald
Malcolm F. Hewins
Frank S. Hoff
Henry B. Lewis
Nels H. Malmstrom
Ralph S. Marsh
R. J. McCormick

NOVEMBER

Samuel Adams
Harold C. L. Ashby
Edward L. Baker
James B. Baxter
Edwin C. Breeding
Harry S. Bridgford
Herman A. Brightman
Josiah D. Bullens
Dean M. Chittenden
Walter R. Clowes

The officers and Nobles of Aleppo Temple express their sympathy to the families and friends of the worthy Nobles who have passed through the portals of the "Unseen Temple." We mourn their departure. May they forever live on in our memory.

GO WEST YOUNG MAN

OUR Hospitaler, Charles Nicoll, has kept us informed during the year, regarding Aleppo's unfortunate Nobles who are in need of assistance that they may rightfully enjoy to the fullest extent, their "Golden Years."

During a recent trip of Illustrious Potentate Seiler to the East-West Shrine Football Game in San Francisco, he learned about a member of Aleppo who had been advised by his physician in Boston to move to California and a milder climate. In talking to this Noble over the phone, our Potentate learned from him of his difficulties, and after checking with the Out-Patient Department of the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, received his medical record. Through Colonel Clark of the Salvation Army, contact was made with our Noble and through the result of these efforts a nursing home will provide for the Noble's future comfort.

The Potentate later called on him at his room. His fez was on his bed. He arose from his chair, put on his fez and salaamed. A real true Noble. Can we say more?

Out of his financial assistance from Aleppo, this Noble had saved a few dollars a month and had purchased a Rung in the Ladder of Smiles, a Life Membership in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. He is indeed a Noble who has the love of Shrinedom in his heart.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE JANUARY 24, 1952

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council will take place at 3:00 P.M. in Boston Garden, Thursday, January 24, 1952. Annual reports of officers will also be submitted.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL LAW

"Sec. 206. The printing, circulating or distributing of resolutions, letters, tickets or other devices by a Noble or Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election."

"The Recorder of Temples shall mail a notice of the annual session and election to all members of the Temple at least one week prior to date of said election, and said notice shall contain this section."

Yours in the faith,

Attest:
HARVEY B. LEGGEE ANDREW S. SEILER
Recorder Potentate

The Potentate's Final Message

DEAR NOBLES:

THE 68th year of Aleppo Temple is being brought to a close. My term of office as your Illustrious Potentate will expire on Thursday, January 24th. At the Boston Garden, you will be privileged to take part in the election of a new Potentate and see him inducted into this high office with all the dignity and ceremony befitting the occasion.

This has been an eventful year for me. You honored me in my election to the most interesting of any office I have ever been privileged to hold. To lead and serve a group of business and professional men, members of every branch of Freemasonry is indeed an opportunity; to have their united support has been a compliment and a challenge.

The year's events began with a reception by the Divan and Units for your Potentate and Mrs. Seiler, at the Hotel Statler, with an attendance of 1,600 Nobles and ladies.

Of four large Ceremonials, the first was on May 18 and was called the Past Masters' Ceremonial. Out of 6 200 Nobles in attendance, 600 were Past Masters of Blue Lodges. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas S. Roy, was our honored guest and occupied a seat in the East, at the right of the Potentate. 375 candidates were prepared for the journey to Mecca. At this meeting the new Mosque was opened with its brilliant canopy across the sidewalk for all to see who passed that way.

The Melvin Maynard Johnson Class in October was attended by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America, who sat in the east as our special guest. At this Ceremonial 464 more new nobles were initiated into membership in Aleppo. A total of 1,112 for the year.

The Visitation of Aleppo's own Imperial Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., followed in December. 6,000 Nobles and Ladies welcomed the Imperial Sir by presenting his pageant in tableau, song and action, as enacted at the Imperial Session in New York. The weather was kind to us and the Imperial Sir was escorted from his suite at the Copley Plaza Hotel by our Band, the Potentate and his Divan, and a full complement of the Arab Patrol.

The final Ceremonial will be at the Boston Garden on January 24th, as previously mentioned.

The Imperial Session in New York will long be remembered as having had one of the most impressive pageants at the installation of an Imperial Potentate in the 75 years of Shrine history. A beautiful Cadillac sedan was presented by your Potentate from the membership of Aleppo to the first Noble from Massachusetts ever to be elected Imperial Potentate.

Another occasion was the moonlight sail down Boston Harbor in August, conducted by the Arab Patrol for Nobles and their ladies.

The Arab Patrol, Oriental Band, Degree Staff and Chanters, each had individual Christmas parties to which the Potentate and Divan were thoughtfully invited. Gifts were presented in each case by the Potentate from the Nobility. These were joyful occasions.

Francis Sagle, as Santa Claus, aided by the Oriental Band, came to the children and grandchildren of Aleppo Nobles at the Christmas Party on December 27, in Mechanics Building, bringing with him his troupe of clowns, magicians and acrobats. Abundantly supplied with cookies, hot chocolate, candy, ice cream, cold drinks and gifts, he made many little hearts happy. Of course mothers were also in attendance.

On Sunday, January 13, the Divan and the members of our Units will take part in a memorial service at the Old South Church, to our departed Nobles, who had mingled with us only a few short months ago. The Rev. Dr. Frederick M. Meek, the minister of the Old South Church, will read the Scriptures and our Noble, Joseph Earl Perry, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, will deliver the address. The ceremony of the candles will be given by Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Chaplain of Aleppo, assisted by George Weeks, First Ceremonial Master, and Edgar Turner, Second Ceremonial Master. They will be assisted by the Aleppo Chanters, the Meistersingers, Miss Alice Farnsworth, soloist, and buglers and drummers from the Aleppo Band with them, led by Walter Smith.

Numerous other occasions such as the Symphony Pops Concert in June rounded out a year which was brought to a close by an appreciation party on January 8, at which the Potentate and his Divan were host to Nobles of our Units and their wives. This event provided an opportunity for us to thank those who had given so much, so willingly, for the good of the Temple. They had relinquished many nights from their families for instrument practice, choral work, Patrol drill and in practicing methods for testing the neophytes.

We broadened our relation with other Shrine Temples and our Masonry in general. Different units of our Temple have gone out into the Masonic world as good-will members of Aleppo. The Third Degree

Teams were organized under the direction of Rt. Worshipful Frederic B. Duncan, and headed by Wor. Edgar H. Patterson in Boston and Wor. Frederick J. Haydock, north of Boston. They had the honor of being invited to participate in the work of Noddles Island Lodge of East Boston, Columbian Lodge of Boston, Winthrop Lodge of Winthrop, Richard C. MacLauren Lodge of M.I.T., Mt. Carmel Lodge of Lynn, Mosaic Lodge of Danvers and Converse Lodge of Malden.

Shrine Clubs, an important adjunct of any Temple, were visited by the Potentate and his Divan at New Bedford, Newburyport, Worcester and Merrimack Valley.

Continuing in our most friendly relations with our Sister Temples, visits were made to: Palestine of Providence; Melha of Springfield, Bektash of Concord, N. H.; Pyramid of Bridgeport; Hassan of Albany, Georgia; Sphinx of Hartford, Conn.; Anah of Bangor, Maine; Kora of Lewiston, Maine; Mount Sinai of Montpelier, Vermont; Aloha of Honolulu; Islam of San Francisco; Alzafar of San Antonio; and Al Malaikah of Los Angeles. Also to the Directors' Convention at San Antonio, Texas.

In addition, your Potentate has been the invited guest of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, the Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston and is most appreciative of their gracious hospitality.

Your Potentate was most fortunate to be able to visit Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children at Springfield, Mass.; St. Louis; Shreveport, La.; Honolulu and San Francisco. In addition, a visit was made to the nearly completed Los Angeles Shrine Hospital. This last visit took place in conjunction with his participation in the celebration of the Shrine's East-West football game, devoted to the raising of funds for our San Francisco Unit.

Our part in this wonderful contribution to humanity is made possible through your generous participation in our Shrine Circus. This year, for the first time, the circus was held in the Mechanics Building. Starting November 17, nineteen performances were given in eight days with total receipts approximating \$98,000. This gave us a net profit of over \$22,000, and an experience for the future which can result in much greater earnings. Of this, we have already distributed \$8,500 to local charities, benevolent societies, the Crippled Children's Hospital at Springfield and worthy members and widows of Aleppo. We can be justly proud of our contribution while humbly striving to enlarge our help.

This year has presented us many opportunities to enhance our position in the public eye. The circus, of course, gave us an excellent opportunity when we again, as in the past years, provided free entertainment to children from Greater Boston and other cities and towns in Aleppo territory to the extent of almost 20,000. Our relations with the public are at a high level. Every Noble can be justly proud before all men, of his affiliation with Shrinedom.

To properly serve the inner man is no small problem in Aleppo with food prices at the present high level. Your dues have not been increased, the activities have not been lessened, indeed they have been broadened. An Imperial Session in New York has been conducted and repeated, all within the normal budget of your Temple and we will end the year with more money in the treasury than when we took over.

Major Benjamin R. Vaughan has been in full charge of all marching units which has relieved your Potentate of many details. Combined meetings and suppers have been held by the workers, previous to each Ceremonial. These have added to our expenses but have also added to a better performance and understanding; a greater friendship among our Nobles who give much of their time that we may enjoy our grand entrances, evening parades and that the public may view our excellent street pagantry.

My Divan has been more than cooperative and made my duties pleasant indeed. All Nobles whom I have had the pleasure to appoint have assisted in a marked degree. I shall never be able to thank sufficiently, George Weeks, Edgar Turner, Benjamin Vaughan and Francis Sagle for their unstinted loyalty, the will to serve and the ability to perform. As in every administration, our Recorder, Harvey Leggee, far beyond the normal duties of his professional office, has been a loyal friend and worker. Herman MacStay, in the conduct of the two pageants, left nothing to be desired. Lawson Oakes, a sturdy business man with a long background in Masonic bodies, indicated by being elected to the 33rd degree, is always generous with sound advice. You will see his ability in action in the very near future. Arthur MacKenzie, with his contacts through a busy life in city government and in industry, had the answers to many of my most perplexing problems. Those who have seen Gerald Zedren's ritualistic portrayals in the first section of our Ceremonials, realize that in the future there is much in store for us. Past Potentate Willard Lombard, with his legal capacity, took us over the threshold into a successful circus venture and our Past Potentate and Treasurer, Justin Duncan, kept the Temple sound financially. Walter Benson as Marshal, Frank Watson as Director, Walter Smith as leader of the Band, Earl Weidner of the Chanters, Frank Warren of the Oriental Band and Harold Todd as Outer Guard with my aid, William Beserosky, have helped keep Aleppo one of Shrinedom's greatest Temples.

I wish to say again that it is my brother, Irving, whom you must thank if my efforts have pleased you at all. His burdens have been twofold, for I must confess, I have taken a year's leave from our business.

The curtain is rung down. Thank you all for a wonderful year of pleasant experiences and God's greatest gift — a host of new friends.

THE POTENTATE RIDES AGAIN

NOBLES:

HERE is another of my travelogues, prompted by a letter I received from a member of Aleppo living in California. The subject is the East-West Game.

Stopping off at San Francisco, on our return from Honolulu, I was cordially invited to come back and to be sure and not miss the great event of the year. My answer was no, thank you. I had been away so much and I still had planned events for Aleppo — the Christmas parties by the Uniformed Units, the Children's Christmas Party, then there was the Unit's affair at the Statler, the Memorial Church Service, Sunday, January 13, and arrangements for the Ceremonial in Boston Garden, January 24. Thank you, but it looks impossible.

Now here is what happened. Things were coming along fine at Aleppo, my sturdy crew was functioning like a clock, so, one night, about ten days before the game, sitting in my study, I reached for the phone, said to long distance, "I want to talk to John D. McGilvray, Shriners' Hospital Committee, San Francisco." Like the action of Aladdin's Lamp, John said, "Hello, come on out, we sure can take care of you." Just that fast and the toll charge was only \$2.50. What a fantastic world we live in.

December 27 came, the Children's Xmas party was brought to a very successful conclusion and at 10:00 P.M. I was aboard an American Airliner bound for Los Angeles and up the Coast the next day to San Francisco. No space on direct flights. The sun rose just as we were passing over the Rockies. At 18,000 feet the scene was one of rosy hues as the mountain tops captured the rays of the sun. We had an early breakfast of half a grapefruit, ham and scrambled eggs, muffins and coffee.

I had slept the first part of the night very comfortably, having provided myself with slippers and a loose flannel shirt. The seats recline to a comfortable position. About 3:00 A.M. I awakened and from then on worked on my final message to the Nobility.

At the pre-game dinner at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, a beautiful affair, I was honored as the escort to the widow of Hugh McKevitt, Potentate of Islam Temple in 1925. He had, during his term, conducted the first East-West Game. It was fascinating to learn direct from Mrs. McKevitt of the progress of the spectacular event which has been such a great stimulus in the public interest in Shrine Hospitals.

In the morning the several Potentates were taken to the Kezar Stadium in time to view the seemingly endless parade of Shrine bands, college bands, those from the American Legion, high school bands with their high-stepping and cavorting majorettes, a youth Chinese band, and then came the horses. Palminos, Blacks and Browns, solid silver trappings, enough that one would wonder how any horse could carry so much weight.

It had rained considerably and although the field had been covered with canvas it was not dry. After the ceremony of introducing the principals the game was on. It didn't take long to detect which team had received the best coaching. The West seemed a group of stars, the East a well oiled machine, beautiful in its executions. Directly in front of me were two lovely girls, the daughters of Governor Warren, one of whom had recently been a victim of polio but certainly was the picture of health now.

It actually seemed that the players were putting on a show for the little ones at the San Francisco Shriners' Hospital, they played that hard. Every one of them had visited the children and the television brought the game to them. What a glorious way to give our little wards an inspiration and a will to some day be well and strong. Perhaps you remember one of our best football players a few years back had been the recipient of the Ladder of Smiles in early childhood.

Illustrious Potentate George Bowman and his Divan were perfect hosts even to providing delicious luncheons and hot coffee between the halves as we remained in our seats. These were products of Ivan Branson, his Marshal. Ivan reminded me of Walter Benson, our Marshal, always doing with a smile.

William Froelich, Potentate of Al Malaikah, provided our Past Potentate Willard Lombard and myself with excellent tickets for the Rose Bowl for January 1. What good fortune at this late date.

Then a trip to Camulos Ranch with Willard Lombard, with a delightful stopover till January 1. At the start of the Parade of Roses, with over 20 flower-bedecked floats, we were at a point of vantage and viewed another grand spectacle. Then to the Rose Bowl. The field was beautiful and the grass was as green as in June.

Again, a beautiful sight, a marvelous display by two bands, the Illinois with 176 pieces and Stanford's wonderfully trained musicians afforded entertainment between the halves.

The East again seemed to have been better coached and our side of the Mississippi again came off the field the winner.

Back to Boston by plane, at one time at an elevation of 23,000 feet. The cabin pressurized for a short time at 10,000 feet and I could feel the effects for the first time in over 25 years of flying experience. We rode above the storm and missed very bad weather.

Our arrival in Chicago was two hours late but I just made connections with a Conair for Boston.

Back home again after six days elapsed time, having seen 8,000 miles of beautiful country — the Carnival of Roses, the Rose Bowl Game, the East-West Shrine Game and Pageant, living at a 2,000-acre ranch at Piu, California, and picking oranges from the trees in January. A grand climax to a wonderful year of travel.

THE POTENTATE OBSERVES THE MECHANICS OF THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

IT REQUIRED a few months in the harness before I became cognizant of what I now have found is really big business. Who are our customers or clients? 14,000 active Masons who have sought fraternal pleasure among those who were to become their friends in Shrinedom. From whence came these Nobles? From Blue Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies of Knights Templar, Lodges of Perfection, Princes of Jerusalem, Chapters of Rose Croix and the Consistory. Each of these bodies constitute contacts through which Aleppo functions through the year in the interest of its members.

As individual members, Shriners expect and receive through multiple sources that which is of interest to them. This is made possible by Ceremonial Notices four times each year. In preparation for these Ceremonials we have many rehearsals and other gatherings. This calls for designing and printing and mailing thousands of pieces of material.

Relative to new life which is so necessary to any organization, our candidates become a very vital segment in our Temple. Before we are privileged to come in contact with these new friends we must answer the request of our present Nobles desiring applications for new members. These activities resulted in the creation of 1,112 new members this year. Each petition received with the necessary fee requires fifteen separate operations before it is placed on our membership rolls, of course, preceded by a favorable ballot. 16,500 transactions in this one operation for 1,112 candidates.

This includes such operations as placing the candidate's name on our mailing list and recording the degree fees for each Noble preparatory to banking, and only then does the Treasurer receive information that \$83,400 has been deposited covering the degree fees of 1,112 candidates. This is not in one transaction but as the candidates are created during the four Ceremonials of the year. The detail of each bank deposit is also handled by the Recorder. The \$75.00 degree fee received from each candidate is broken down to amounts of: \$2.50 going to the Imperial Council, \$5.00 to the Trustees of the Aleppo Temple Permanent Fund, in accordance with our by-laws, and the balance of \$67.50 to the Treasury of Aleppo Temple. From this information you can readily deduce that Aleppo collected through the office of the Recorder and forwarded at its own expense \$162,000 to the Imperial Council.

Dues: As our membership increases the volume of detail increases. Our operating expenses are met in the form of Degree fees augmented by the payment of annual membership dues. Each of the present 14,000 members' accounts requires individual consideration. Such as indebtedness to the Temple, preparatory to billing for dues for the coming year, prior year's dues and his standing relative to the hospital assessment. Is he in good standing with the Temple in this respect as well as to dues? He cannot receive a Shrine card which is necessary for admission to any Temple until this indebtedness is met. He receives a bill showing his standing. If in arrears not beyond two years he may make payment, if for more than two years he is automatically dropped, and can only be reinstated by full payment or by a review of his personal condition.

Each bill must be hand-fed into an addressing machine, then checked with the ledger, hand inserted into a window envelope accompanied by a self-addressed return envelope, sealed and mailed. The question is sometimes asked — why not stamp the return envelope? Because a large percentage of the Nobles choose to make payments in person. This would involve a loss to the Temple of several hundred dollars in stamps alone. You may be interested to know that each first-class mailing costs Aleppo about \$500.00 for envelopes and stamps alone.

Now you have mailed your check with the due bill. It has to be re-checked, money recorded, checks listed for deposit and banked. The paid-up membership card is selected from the alphabetical file, 42,000 impressions have been made before the due cards and receipts are ready to be mailed.

This year, because of a change in rate and by having been alerted by the mailing of 14,000 notices, 2,700 hospital life memberships were purchased. This involved eleven operations per member in changing from annual hospital due-paying to Hospital Life Membership.

Changes of address for 2,500 members this year meant another 22,500 operations. Correspondence by letter to the extent of several thousand. This is often in great detail to satisfy a member because of his interest in Aleppo or just asking questions on diversified fraternal matters.

Over 300,000 pieces of mail went out of this office, 1,112 new Nobles processed, 14,000 billings for annual dues, 14,000 Shrine cards issued, handling of \$420,000 in transactions including the payments relative to Shrine Hospital Membership, which reached an all-time peak this year.

All this is in addition to other functions, such as monthly statements of membership and financial importance to the Potentate and the Imperial Council. Personal daily contacts with members and other membership records and detailed reports of Uniformed Units regarding equipment, etc. Detailed arrangements with railroads, hotels, relative to Imperial Sessions, for visiting Divans and visits to Shrine Temples and affiliated organizations.

Only the special training acquired by years of experience as a Recorder could one handle the traffic that passes through this office.

The personal contacts require that the Recorder be in the front office to meet and greet all who come through the door of welcome.

But to keep the records clear and handle the multitudinous details dictates an office of seclusion. To accomplish the above dual operations means early to bed and early to rise.

But to accompany the Potentate and his Divan on the many evening visits to other Temples, Shrine Clubs and Blue Lodges keeps him out till midnight.

What manner of man is the Recorder?

ALEPPO TEMPLE, A. A. O. N. M. S.

**SPRING CEREMONIAL
and STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1952

MECHANICS BUILDING - BOSTON MASS.

ENTRANCE — 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

Afternoon Meeting, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Paul Revere Hall

**BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES, BUSINESS MEETING, RITUALISTIC WORK
ENTER AT 141 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CANDIDATES — All petitions for membership to be acted upon at this meeting **MUST** be in the Recorder's office not later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 28. (Two working days before the meeting.)

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A Few Lines from your Potentate

AT OUR Ceremonial on Monday, June 2, we expect to have our Imperial Potentate, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., with us for the third and last time this year, as our Imperial Potentate, thus giving him a perfect record of attendance in Aleppo, his own Temple, since our Annual Meeting in January. Shortly after, in Miami, at the Annual Session of the Imperial Council he will have completed his duties which he has performed so ably and step aside for another.

Those of us who have been privileged to be with him at times during the past few months have been amazed at his long hours daily and his durability. His courtesy has been never failing and we appreciate it all. Your Potentate has invited to be present on June 2 the presiding Potentates and their Divans of the other 12 Temples of the Northeastern Shrine Association, also other distinguished Nobles, that we may do honor to our Imperial Potentate. Elsewhere in this notice you will find a message from him, written at the request of your Potentate. Let us give him a royal welcome. Imperial Sir, we are all proud of you. And to our Nobles, one and all, may you have a delightful summer.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Lamson W. Oakes

Illustrious Potentate.

NATIONAL SHRINE CONVENTION AT MIAMI

THE 78th Annual Shrine Convention, to be held in Miami, Florida, the week of June 15, will be the greatest of all Shrine conventions from the standpoint of temples participating, according to a recent announcement by Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America.

"We have been advised there will be a total of at least 70 Temples with Uniformed Units participating," the Imperial Potentate said. "There were 397 Uniformed Units already booked May 1, and allotted places in the parade column, including our own Aleppo Temple Arab Patrol, Band, Degree Staff, Mounted Patrol, Oriental Band, Chanters and Ritual Team."

On the present showing, the parades will last seven and a half hours. A day parade, Tuesday, June 17th, starting at 9:00 A.M., and a night parade, Thursday, June 19th, at 8:00 P.M., are scheduled.

Mahi Temple of Miami, the host Temple, is making elaborate preparations for entertainment of the visiting nobles, their families and guests, and has perfected the program and other convention machinery through 48 local committees.

Typical of the magnitude of the preparations being made are plans for the two parades. Miami's famed Orange Bowl Stadium, through which the parading units will pass in review before spectators, has gone through extensive alterations. Tiers of seats at the entrance and exit to the bowl have been cut away to permit easy passage of the columns and also to facilitate the Uniformed Units participating in the parade to get back to seats in the reviewing stands. This will not reduce the 65,000 seating capacity of the bowl however.

Arrangements for the parade to be televised have been completed. Newsreel cameramen said the parades and other special events will receive national coverage.

Illustrious Potentate Raymond H. Williams said, "One of my prime considerations as host Potentate as well as every one of the 4,400 Nobles of Mahi Temple is to see that every visiting Shriner, members of his family and convention guests are shown every courtesy and mark of hospitality by all our citizens."

"Another concern of ours is to see that this is a fluid convention. By that, I mean, that it has a precise movement with complete co-ordination."

"Notwithstanding that the convention will be our greatest from the standpoint of Temples to be represented," Potentate Williams said, "our hotel committee has plenty of rooms to offer. So far, only the ocean front hotels have been assigned. Other hotels and Miami's many fine motels and other facilities are yet to be tapped."

Convention officials are expecting and preparing for an attendance of between 75,000 and 100,000 of the 700,000 Shriners in North America. Many Nobles are expected to arrive several days in advance of the convention.



THE FIVE YOUNG LADIES smiling at the lad with casts on both legs, reclining on his bed in the Twin City Unit of the Shriners Hospitals, are none other than the Dionne quintuplets. The signal honor to come to this little boy, not shared by any other Shrine patient in North America, was made possible by Noble Charles A. Ward, President of the Brown & Bigelow Company, and host to the Dionne quintuplets during their recent visit to the St. Paul, Minnesota, Winter Carnival.

So far, officials have been advised 76 special trains, with 500 cars, have been chartered, to bring contingents totaling 25,000 to the convention. The trains will be unloading, one an hour around the clock, for three days.

Biscayne Terrace Hotel on Biscayne Boulevard, Miami's newest hotel, has been chosen as Convention Headquarters. Members of the Imperial Divan will be quartered there, as well as some of the Convention Executive Offices and facilities.

At a recent pre-convention conference between Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and Potentate Williams of Miami, the Imperial Potentate expressed himself as being well satisfied and impressed with the convention preparations being made.

LET THERE BE NO STRANGERS IN THE SHRINE

WE HAVE initiated many men in the past few years, but this conferring of our rites and ceremonies does not really make a Noble. It takes a frequent contact with older, well-informed Nobles to blossom these Neophytes under the sunshine of the Shrine — to give them an opportunity to partake of the kind influences of our Order.

Our Potentate and his Divan have gone on record as favoring a revitalization of fellowship — but the Divan can't do it alone and achieve success. It will require the participation of every Noble. Let's give a real reality to the saying, "There are no strangers in the Shrine." Let's make it a point to take a sincere personal interest in all our Nobles and we will have a better Shrine because of it. Let's give the fellowship of the Shrine more meaning in our lives than ever before.

SHRINE HOSPITAL MOVING PICTURE AVAILABLE

ALEPPO TEMPLE recently procured from the Imperial Council a 16 millimeter, color, talking picture showing the wonderful work of the seventeen Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children since the opening of our first unit in 1922.

This professionally made talking movie, which runs forty-five minutes, gives a vivid story of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," and is written around the life of a crippled boy who was destined to live the life of a cripple until he was entered in one of our hospitals by a friendly Shriner.

This film is available to any group, club, or association wishing to show the same at one of their gatherings. It may be procured by contacting the Recorder, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston 16, Mass. The only charge for the use of the film is the small charge for the cost of transportation of the film, equipment and the operator.

Greetings to Aleppo from the Imperial Potentate

THESE past months I have never ceased to experience the thrill of feeling that through the generosity and confidence of the Nobility of North America, and especially my brother Nobles of Aleppo Temple, I have been permitted the honor and privilege of proudly wearing an ALEPPO fez in most of the great cities of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, incident to the arduous but pleasant duties of Imperial Potentate of our beloved Shrine.

On occasion, I have been honored, in cities far distant from Boston, by the presence of our own Illustrious Potentate, by our Recorder, and other distinguished Nobles of my home Temple. In addition, I have found hundreds of our own Nobility — still loyal members of Shrinedom's fourth largest Temple — permanently established in almost every great community in America. It has been an unforgettable thrill, in many a far distant Shrine Temple, unexpectedly to face the friendly smile of one who once crossed the hot sands in good old Boston — perhaps long ago — and who still cherished the old red fez of Aleppo Temple.

By June 15 I shall probably have visited every State in the Union, as well as Honolulu, Mexico City, and many sections of Canada. I have been privileged to visit and personally inspect every one of our seventeen great Hospitals for Crippled Children. Our Shrine has much of which we may be very proud. In membership, Shrinedom has reached an all time high. Originally formed in June of 1876, the Imperial Council of the Shrine in these most recent ten years has grown from 306,000 Nobles in 1941 to a membership of over 675,000 at the present time. A year ago, out of 3,646,757 Masons in the United States, no less than 646,606, or 17.7 per cent, were members of the Shrine. But there are still thousands of potential Nobles not yet basking in the sunshine of our Oases. In New York State, with the largest Masonic population in America, only 28,372, or 9½ per cent, are Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and yet the great State of Pennsylvania, immediately adjacent, has 60,497 Shriners or 26 per cent of its Masonic population. Nevada shows 38 per cent, Oregon 26½ per cent. Nobles numbering 16,222 in Massachusetts represent 13.9 per cent — below the National average.

Less happy and prosperous days may loom ahead. So let every Noble of Aleppo Temple, before the year is out, say to that potential Shriner friend of his "For you, it's 1952!"

And may the blessing of Allah be with you.

Yours with and in the Faith,

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Imperial Potentate.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE CHARTERS NEW TEMPLE

AN IMPERIAL POTENTATE has many and varied honors bestowed upon him during his year's term of office as Imperial Potentate but one of the rarest and most coveted duties of the number one Shriner of North America is the chartering of a new Temple in our Order.

This honor came to our Imperial Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., when he presided at the Charter Meeting of Hasan Temple of Albany, Georgia, and presented the coveted charter authorized by the Imperial Council, under which this new Temple will operate. The Imperial Potentate also installed the first Divan Officers of Hasan Temple.

Prominent among the initiates in a large and enthusiastic "Charter Class" of Candidates was Earl Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion. The Imperial Potentate, in reference to Noble Cocke, said in part: "He has already been honored with the National leadership of thousands upon thousands of men who have risked their lives to keep Americans free and to make America great. Today the American Legion is doing a great job in assistance and in rehabilitation work for the youth of yesterday. Today the Shrine of North America likewise is doing its great humanitarian work for the rehabilitation of the youth and manhood of tomorrow. I know that National Commander Earl Cocke, Jr., will find a warm welcome and many kindred spirits among the Nobility of the Shrine. Here also will he find those who seek to keep alive the spirit of youth."



IT WAS A HAPPY OCCASION when the Imperial Potentate greeted the National Commander as the "Baby" Shriner of the "Baby" Temple. Left to right Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.; Noble Earl Cocke, Jr., of Hasan Temple, National Commander of the American Legion; and Noble J. Neely Peacock, Jr., Potentate of Hasan Temple.

THE BADGE OF A SHRINER

ALL organizations have certain signs, symbols, regalia and other equipment by which they are readily recognized by their members and non-members alike, but the most prized possession and attractive piece of regalia possessed by the member of any fraternal organization is the red Turkish "taboosh," better known to us as the "Shriners' Fez."

Throughout North America, when this little red hat with the black tassel appears in its proper form, it is recognized at once and identifies the wearer as a member of the Mystic Shrine.

To protect this symbol of our Order, the Imperial Council has wisely controlled, through proper legislation, the manufacture, sale and use of the "Fez" to prevent it from becoming just another piece of regalia covered with all sorts of decorations and comic adaptations. The Imperial Council keeps a vigilant guard over this "trade mark" of Shrinedom, making periodical minor changes in the law whenever necessary to protect the "Badge of a Shriner."

That the Nobles may keep posted and be properly informed in regard to the Shrine law governing the manufacture and use of the fez, we quote here from the by-laws of the Imperial Council as revised at their last Business Session.

"ARTICLE XIV — *Regalia, Emblems and Jewels* — Sec. 110. The Red Turkish Fez with Black Tassel, bearing only the name of the Temple of which the Noble is an active member, with a facsimile of a scimitar, and that portion of the Jewel of the Order consisting of the Crescent, Sphinxhead, and Star combined, embroidered thereon with gold and silver bullion or silk, is hereby adopted as the exclusive type of head covering to be worn by all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine when appearing as such. The Fez is to be worn in its proper shape and without creasing or alteration; provided that it is permissible for Potentates, Past Potentates, Recorders and Divan members, as well as official uniformed organizations, to have their titles embroidered in small letters in gold or silver bullion or silk or jewels on the front of the fez beneath the emblem.

"It shall be permissible to adorn the name of the Temple and the emblem with rhinestone jewels of a size no larger than that known as No. 12 by the fez makers.

"It shall be permissible to use one pin to hold the tassel in place, said pin to be either plain or jeweled.

"The use of any other wording or devices than those in this Section and Article mentioned is prohibited. This Section shall not apply to present and past elective Imperial Officers."

CAPE COD CONSISTORY CLUB CLAM BAKE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1952

All Nobles and their families are invited to participate. Reservations must be made before August 10, 1952. For reservations send check for \$3.50 per person to Noble Henry F. Smith, Hyannis, Mass.

ONE FLAG

WE HAVE room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag which symbolizes all war against liberty and civilization just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, of American nationality and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house; and we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.

—Theodore Roosevelt

NEW SHRINE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTED at the last meeting of the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America in session at New York City was a new Pledge of Allegiance for the Shrine Temples in the United States, which will be given at the opening of each Ceremonial as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

IMPERIAL DIVAN

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.	Imperial Potentate
Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.	
HARVEY A. BEFFA	Deputy Imperial Potentate
Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.	
REMMIE L. ARNOLD	Imperial Chief Rabban
Acca Temple, Richmond Va.	
FRANK S. LAND	Imperial Assistant Rabban
Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.	
WALTER C. GUY	Imperial High Priest and Prophet
Scimitar Temple, Little Rock, Ark.	
GERALD D. CRARY	Imperial Oriental Guide
Naja Temple, Deadwood, S. D.	
LEONARD P. STEUART	Imperial Treasurer
Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.	
GEORGE M. SAUNDERS	Imperial Recorder
Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.	
THOMAS W. MELHAM	Imperial First Ceremonial Master
Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.	
GEORGE E. STRINGFELLOW	Imperial Second Ceremonial Master
Salaam Temple, Newark, N. J.	
CLAYTON F. ANDREWS	Imperial Marshal
Sesostri Temple, Lincoln, Neb.	
GEORGE A. MATTISON, JR.	Imperial Captain of the Guard
Zamora Temple, Birmingham, Ala.	
MARSHALL M. PORTER	Imperial Outer Guard
Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, Alta.	
REV. THOMAS SHERRARD ROY, D.D.	Imperial Chaplain
Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.	

POTENTATES OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

*HENRY E. HOSLEY	June, 1882-Dec., 1889
*JAMES R. FOX	Dec., 1889-Dec., 1890
*THOMAS WATERMAN	Dec., 1890-Dec., 1893
*CALEB SAUNDERS	Dec., 1893-Dec., 1896
*FREDERICK H. SPRING	Dec., 1896-Dec., 1899
*ALBION F. WELCH	Dec., 1899-Sept., 1902
*JAMES S. BLAKE	Sept., 1902-Dec., 1905
*CHARLES C. HENRY	Dec., 1905-Dec., 1908
*CHARLES A. ESTEY	Dec., 1908-Dec., 1911
*GEORGE A. SHACKFORD	Dec., 1911-Dec., 1914
*WALTER W. MORRISON	Dec., 1914-Jan., 1927
*FRANCIS H. APPLETON	Jan., 1927-Jan., 1929
*SAMUEL C. L. HASKELL	Jan., 1929-Jan., 1931
*ROY A. FAYE	Jan., 1931-Jan., 1933
*ALMON E. GREENLEAF	Jan., 1933-Jan., 1934
*FRED E. BOLTON	Jan., 1934-Jan., 1935
CLARENCE J. MCKENZIE	Jan., 1935-Jan., 1936
*FRANK A. NORTH	Jan., 1936-Jan., 1937
HARRY G. POLLARD	Jan., 1937-Jan., 1938
*CHARLES T. CAHILL	Jan., 1938-Jan., 1939
JAMES J. CURRY	Jan., 1939-Jan., 1940
ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.	Jan., 1940-Jan., 1944
WILLARD P. LOMBARD	Jan., 1944-Jan., 1945
ARTHUR A. SONDEHEIM	Jan., 1945-Jan., 1946
LIONEL G. H. PALMER	Jan., 1946-Jan., 1947
JUSTIN A. DUNCAN	Jan., 1947-Jan., 1948
*WALLACE D. RIDDELL	Jan., 1948-Jan., 1948
FRANK B. ELLS	July, 1948-Jan., 1950
N. RUSSELL LYNN	Jan., 1950-Jan., 1951
ANDREW S. SEILER	Jan., 1951-Jan., 1952
LAWSON W. OAKES	Jan., 1952-

*Deceased

"A MASONIC SHRINE"

YOUR Illustrious Potentate, Lawson W. Oakes, and Recorder, Harvey B. Legge, recently had the honor of accompanying your Imperial Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., on his first and official visitation to the "Mystic Shrine Rooms" in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia.

This memorial building rests on the top of Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. Looking to the south the magnitude of its structure faces Mount Vernon the home of the man it honors. To the north it looks upon our nation's capitol, where George Washington served as the first president of the United States. As one stands upon the steps of its main entrance gazing toward the east, the beauty of historic Alexandria is unfolded before him. Resting in the bosom of great natural beauty this Masonic Shrine in all its architectural grandeur pays tribute to a great man and a great Mason.

Early in the Eighteenth Century Masonry became a part of the fraternal and social life of the colonists. Not until the very early part of the Nineteenth Century did York Rite Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry establish themselves upon a firm foundation among its votaries.

Late in the Nineteenth Century a group of Masons by virtue of their Masonic friendship met regularly together for luncheon. After some period of time it was discovered that each of the group was a member of either the York Rite or Scottish Rite branch of Masonry. Through the genius of two outstanding members of the group, Dr. Walter Fleming and William Florence, it was decided to organize into a fraternal organization having as a prerequisite, membership in either the York Rite or Scottish Rite branches of Masonry. They met at Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City and founded, what we know to be today the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Shrinedom was founded upon the high principles of fellowship. Exemplifying by its deeds and actions the great lessons of Ancient Craft Freemasonry. Expressing before man and all society its implicit faith in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. Manifesting in its highest form the great Masonic virtue of charity. Through its Shrine Hospitals it expresses in realistic form a service to unfortunate and lesser privileged crippled children, regardless of race, creed or color, unequaled anywhere in the world.

It has been written that it is not so much to the credit of Shrinedom that men of ability and attainment down through the years have been members; rather it is a tribute to its principles that men of achievement and leadership have been drawn to and become devoted followers of those principles. Shrinedom is not an aristocracy of blood, not an aristocracy of wealth, not an aristocracy of education, but is best defined as being an aristocracy of men of character.

When those in authority determined that which was to be placed within the walls of this great Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were given high recognition to furnish specified rooms, depicting the many phases of its activities and philanthropic work. The Mystic Shrine is the second largest contributor of all Masonic and related groups to this great memorial erected in honor of George Washington.

As one enters these beautiful and gorgeously colored rooms he is at once struck with a deep emotion of pride. The beauty and grandeur of the Divan Room with its large mural of "On The Road To Mecca," covering the entire wall on one side of the room, leaves one with a complete loss of words for proper expression. This inspiring mural was the gift of Aleppo Temple in honor of its 447 Nobles who served our country in World War II.

As one enters the main hall, viewing as he passes along, all the Shrine hospitals in miniature, the typical Shrine parade with military music, his emotions are stimulated to a most high degree.

Then, you enter the "Children's Room" and see the colorful mosaic wall display, with the little child statuettes, and the "Gold Book" with the names of distinguished citizens who have contributed toward our philanthropic work engraved therein. As you raise your eyes toward the south wall and read the inscription, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," the real joy and happiness of being a Shriner throbs within your very being.

Here in this great Masonic Memorial is told the work of Shrinedom indelibly imprinting upon the minds of thousands of visitors year after year the most realistic expression of true and devout Masonic virtue.

Yes, Nobles, Shrinedom has taken its place on a high plane of intellectual expression within the walls of this Masonic Shrine, paying tribute to that great man and Mason, General George Washington.

George Washington Bicentennial Ceremonial

Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington into Freemasonry

ALEPPO TEMPLE, A. A. O. N. M. S.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1952

MECHANICS BUILDING - BOSTON, MASS.

ENTRANCE — 99 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

Afternoon Meeting, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Paul Revere Hall

**BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES, BUSINESS MEETING, RITUALISTIC WORK
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The Class of Candidates for this Ceremonial will be named
“THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CLASS”

BUFFET DINNER - BANQUET HALL — 5:00-6:45 P.M.

Doors Open to Banquet Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Entrance — 99 Huntington Avenue

**TO ENABLE NOBLES TO MEET THEIR FRIENDS IN THE BANQUET HALL
THE POSTS IN THE HALL WILL BE LABELED WITH NAMES OF OUR LIVING
PAST POTENTATES:**

**McKENZIE
POLLARD**

**CURRY
WILSON**

**LOMBARD
SONDHEIM**

**DUNCAN
ELLS**

**LYNN
SEILER**

**IF YOU WISH TO MEET YOUR NOBLE FRIENDS GIVE THEM THE PAST
POTENTATE'S NAME AND TIME. HE CAN DO THE REST.**

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ALEPPO NOBLES ELECTED TO RECEIVE THE 33rd DEGREE

AT the September Annual Session of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, held in New York City, September 19 to 25, eight members of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Massachusetts were elected to receive the 33rd degree, highest rank in the fraternity.

Members of Aleppo Temple who were so honored included our own Junior Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. of Wellesley, who served as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America for the 1951-52 fiscal year; Laurence M. Jackson of Belmont, present Thrice Potent Master of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, and Chief Aide to our Illustrious Potentate, Lawson W. Oakes; Thomas G. Walters of West Newton, Most Wise Master of Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix and Paul G. Covill of New Bedford.

Other Massachusetts Masons elected and well known members of the Fraternity were Stephen Cary Luce of Vineyard Haven; Harold G. Macomber of Marblehead; William A. Smith of Tewksbury, and Arthur L. Phelps of Springfield.

The Supreme Council Sessions were presided over by Illustrious Melvin Maynard Johnson, 33° of Boston, Sovereign Grand Commander. Illustrious F. Elmer Raschig of Newton, Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, was Secretary of the Session.

The active members of the Supreme Council from Massachusetts who attended the Session in addition to Mr. Johnson were Illustrious Claude Leroy Allen of Boston, Illustrious Deputy for Massachusetts; Illustrious Rutherford E. Smith of Newton, and Illustrious Emil U. Dillenback of Springfield.

Among the well known Boston Masons and Nobles of Aleppo who attended the Session included Illustrious Thomas Sherrard Roy, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Chaplain of Aleppo Temple, and Junior Past Imperial Chaplain; Illustrious Lawson W. Oakes of Boston, Past Sovereign Prince, Giles F. Yates Council and present Potentate of Aleppo Temple; Illustrious Harry G. Pollard of Lowell, Grand Sword Bearer; and Illustrious Whitfield W. Johnson of Watertown, Marshal of the Camp of the Supreme Council and acting Second Ceremonial Master of Aleppo Temple.

EAST-WEST SHRINE FOOTBALL GAME

THE 27th annual Shrine East-West Football Game which annually brings together the outstanding college football stars from all sections of the country, will be played in Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, on Saturday, December 27, 1952.

The nationwide television and broadcast of the game will be sponsored by the Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Corporation. The television will be carried on 62 stations by the DuMont Network, and the broadcast on all of the 520 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting Co.

The game which is sponsored by Islam Temple for the benefit of the San Francisco Unit of our Shrine Hospitals, will start at 5:00 p.m. EST (New York time), but the telecast will begin at 4:30 p.m. EST and will show much of the pageantry for which the East-West Game is famed.

YOUR STANDING IN PREREQUISITE BODIES

FREQUENTLY misunderstanding exists in the minds of some Nobles regarding the mandatory law of the Imperial Council which requires a Noble to maintain his good standing in the prerequisite bodies of either the York or Scottish Rites.

Briefly stated, to be a member of the Shrine one must belong to either (1) the Commandery, or (2) the Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

It is not compulsory to be a member of both rites, but good standing in the rite of one's choice is obligatory.

To maintain membership in a Commandery you must be in good standing in both the Blue Lodge and the Chapter.

To maintain membership as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason you must be in good standing in the Blue Lodge.

Since membership in either a Commandery or the Scottish Rite is predicated upon good standing in the Blue Lodge, it is obvious that if your membership is severed in the Blue Lodge you are automatically dropped in all other Masonic bodies of which you might be a member.

Every link in the chain of your affiliation must be preserved intact. Every life membership in any Masonic body becomes invalid if your connection with preceding bodies is allowed to lapse.



LITTLE DEBORAH LOBB presents check for \$11.50 to Miss Anna Williams to help boost morale at the Shrine Hospital. Money represents proceeds from kids' "Pint-Sized" benefit circus.

SMALL FRY STAGE CIRCUS GIVE \$11.50 GATE RECEIPTS TO SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE total proceeds from a "Pint-Sized" circus last week end at the Bell-Wines Apartment in Salt Lake City, were turned over to the new Intermountain Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital Monday by the circus' six-star performers.

The youngsters proudly presented a check for \$11.50 to Miss Anna Williams, Shrine hospital director, Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Complete with tumbling act, ballet dancers and clowns, the "Smallest Show on Earth" played before an audience of more than 30 persons Saturday afternoon. Popcorn, punch and cake were sold during the performance.

Directed by Marjorie Haak, the youngsters devoted many hours of practice to perfecting their dance and acrobatic acts.

The show was put on by Marjorie and Betty Haak, Deborah Mae Lobb, Larry Magee, Steve Harmon and Skipper Smith. Emerson Smith acted as ringmaster.

ALEPPO'S PAST POTENTATES

THE Recorder is making a collection of photos of Past Potentates of Aleppo Temple, to be framed and displayed at Shrine Headquarters. In order to complete the collection he needs a photograph of the following Past Potentates: Henry E. Hosley, First Potentate of Aleppo Temple, 1882; James R. Fox, 1889; Thomas Waterman, 1890; Caleb Saunders, 1893; Frederick H. Spring, 1896; Albion F. Welch, 1899; James H. Blake, 1902; Charles C. Henry, 1905; Charles A. Estey, 1908.

If any Noble has a photograph of one of the above Past Potentates of Aleppo it would be appreciated if he would contact the Recorder and arrange to either present the photograph to Aleppo for the Aleppo Gallery or loan the same for the purpose of having a duplicate made.

MEETINGS OF NEW ENGLAND TEMPLES

ANAH	Annual Meeting (Bangor)	Jan. 9, 1953
ALEPPO	Fall Ceremonial (Boston)	Nov. 21, 1952
ALEPPO	Annual Meeting	Jan. 15, 1953
CAIRO	Ceremonial (Rutland)	Dec. 13, 1952
CAIRO	Annual Meeting	Jan. 16, 1953
MELHA	Ceremonial (Springfield)	Dec. 13, 1952
MOUNT SINAI	Annual Meeting (Montpelier)	Jan. 23, 1953
PYRAMID	Ceremonial (Bridgeport)	Dec. 12, 1952
SPHINX	Ceremonial (Hartford)	Dec. 13, 1852

A MESSAGE FROM

HARVEY A. BEFFA, IMPERIAL POTENTATE

IN NUMBERS there is strength. This fact is proven all the way down through history. It is so in our churches, in our armies, in our government, and so in our Shrine.

At this time in our country are more than three million potential Shriners. Out of this vast reservoir we need only have 325,000 additional members to reach our goal of one million Nobles. This is only ten percent of the vast potential and should not be a difficult task with which to gain success.

Our Shrine is great because of its leadership, and this leadership properly directed can produce the promotional interest to insure that each member of the Order will bring into the membership at least one new member. From this thought comes the great slogan of my administration. . . . "EACH ONE BRING ONE."

My earnest plea to each Noble of the Order is to interest himself in securing a new petition for the Shrine. This is not an impossible task if we will all work together.

My suggestion to each Temple at this time is to organize your membership committee into a working force. Get the names of eligible Blue Lodge members, contact them and secure their petitions for the Commandery or Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Your attention to this work will produce great benefit to you and your Temple as a result.

My very best wishes to you for success.

Yours in the Faith,

HARVEY BEFFA,
Imperial Potentate

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Nobles of Aleppo Temple:

As the year 1952 draws to a close I am proud to congratulate Aleppo Temple, and our Illustrious Potentate Lawson W. Oakes, on continuing our proud record of growth as the fourth largest, and one of the oldest, among the 165 Temples of Shrinedom.

One short year ago I was privileged to serve as the leader of over 675,000 Shriners throughout Canada, the United States, and Mexico, and to visit officially each one of our seventeen great Shrine Hospitals. It was an unforgettable thrill to travel some 76,000 miles, from Montreal, Canada in the North to Mexico City in the South, and from good old New England on the East Coast to Honolulu in the Pacific, to find our beloved Shrine at an all-time peak in membership, and everywhere respected. Today, out of some 3,600,000 Masons in this country of ours, almost one out of every six is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Even more astounding is the fact that during the ten short years following 1941 the membership of the Shrine has more than doubled.

A most important factor in this phenomenal growth has been the gratifying modern change in Masonic attitude toward the Shrine in almost every section of America. Today, I believe all Masonry is now proud of the Shrine — proud of the type of men most active in Shrine leadership in every great city in the nation, and proud of the monumental work accomplished for the crippled children of America. In the eyes of the general public certainly, the word "Mason" has become almost synonymous with that of "Shriner." Happily this seriously disturbs no one; every Shriner is first of all a Mason, and every Mason is or should be a potential member of the Shrine. I think sometimes many of our Nobility are a little selfish, or thoughtless, in not more actively urging their Masonic friends to traverse the burning sands and to enjoy life the more in the sunshine of the Shrine.

Each successive Illustrious Potentate invariably brings some special qualification marking his year of service to Aleppo — qualities of inspirational leadership, or unusual business ability, or outstanding character, or broad fraternal ties, or a legion of friends, or executive experience, or a combination of such helpful factors. This year we have had the advantage of leadership by a Noble not only with kindly and lovable qualities, but possessing the high regard and close friendship of almost every outstanding Masonic leader in New England. A cordial and understanding relationship would seem to have been cemented at long last in our Commonwealth between official Masonry and Masonry's playground, the Shrine. This is as it should be.

Yours with and in the Faith,

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Past Imperial Potentate.

A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

WE OFTEN hear it said that time passes quickly. Someone has well asked, "Does time really pass or do we pass and time remain"? However that may be, we have passed the three-quarter mark of this administration all too soon. Some things have been accomplished in addition to the routine, but much yet remains to be done.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rev. Thomas S. Roy has most kindly consented to serve Aleppo as one of our Chaplains. With three Chaplains from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, we ought to be good; perhaps he believes this administration of Aleppo needs three. We welcome him to our ranks. Our Nobles will recall that Dr. Roy was our first Imperial Chaplain. Ill. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., the good Judge, said recently that the Imperial Council probably thought it needed an Imperial Chaplain with him as its official head. We shall not forget his year as Imperial Potentate and now true to form, he has returned as number four man in his second platoon and drills regularly each week neither asking nor taking any special favors.

There were several omissions (none intended) in our March notice of our 1952 Personnel List of Organization, among them the Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, Cecil C. Marble, as Consistory Representative; Frederic L. Pike, Assistant Secretary of the Scottish Rite; Roland Kinsman and George Smith; the two latter have been loyal and devoted officers with us for some years. If we have omitted others, we regret it.

In another column you will find some Scottish Rite notes about the recent Supreme Council Meeting in New York, telling us of some of Aleppo's distinguished members who were honored at that gathering. I am sure that they will be an honor to the Supreme Council.

Before you receive this notice of our coming Ceremonial on November 21, many of Aleppo Units and Members of the Divan will have taken part on Sunday, November 9, in the Masonic Parade commemorating the Bicentennial of the Initiation of our Brother, George Washington, becoming a Mason. The Grand Master and the Committee in charge expect to see several thousand Masons in the line of march. Perhaps more of this in our next notice.

Your Potentate regrets that he was unable to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island on October 24 and 25 due to previous engagements. We learn that Aleppo and your Potentate was well represented by our Chief Rabban, Arthur G. MacKenzie, at all the sessions; this at my request.

Your Potentate at this time extends his best wishes to our Grand Commandery and to our new Rt. Em. Grand Commander Fred Kennedy.

To all Nobles of Aleppo we welcome you after the summer. Try to be with us on November 21.

Many of our Nobles have but recently been honored in various fields of activity, notably among them are Chris Herter, Governor-elect and George Fingold, Attorney General-elect, of the Commonwealth; Laurence Curtis as Congressman-elect; Angier L. Goodwin, Congressman-re-elect; Otis M. Whitney, Governor's Counsellor re-elect; Charles H. Gabriel, Governor's Counsellor-elect; James C. Bayley, Representative-re-elect; Gordon D. Boynton, Representative-elect; Richard I. Furbush, Senator-re-elect; Anthony J. Farin, Representative-elect, and many others. To all of these we send every good wish.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

LAWSON W. OAKES,
Illustrious Potentate.

ALEPPO TEMPLE ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1953

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council for the year 1953 will take place at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 1953

Grand Hall, Mechanics Building, Boston, Mass.

Yours in the Faith,

Attest:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE LAWSON W. OAKES
Recorder Potentate



SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS UNIT OF THE SHRINER'S HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

AT THE Imperial Council Session held in Miami in June, 1952, the National Trustees of the Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children authorized the contemplated new addition to the outpatient department and nurses' home of our Springfield, Massachusetts Unit.

The new wing will become a part of the present structure and will be two stories high with basement, and will cost in excess of \$100,000.00. The Trustees will pay \$50,000.00 of this amount and the Springfield Unit has sufficient funds in their rehabilitation fund to pay the difference.

It is of interest to note that this rehabilitation fund has been set up through the generosity of the various New England Temples and Shrine Clubs and individuals from this section.

The Springfield Unit was opened in 1925 and over 8,000 cases have been admitted to the hospital since that time. Since the hospital opened there have been over 85,000 visits to the outpatient department. That's averaging about 63 per week. On some Saturday mornings the crowd cannot be handled properly without causing some patients and parents long waits. This is the main reason for our proposed addition. Another major reason is that more rooms are required for the staff nurses. The addition will provide at least six new nurses' rooms.

It cost about \$180,000.00 to operate the Springfield Unit for the year ending February 29, 1952. The cost per patient day for this same period is \$9.08.

If you are riding by the hospital at night and notice the lighting appears different you are correct, it is different, and what an improvement. Both of the children's wards and the kitchen have new fluorescent lighting that is a great improvement and very much appreciated. The youngsters love to read comic books and good lighting is very necessary.

When galvanized water pipes are in use for over 25 years, as they have been in our hospital, they become clogged to the extent that the water pressure is critically reduced. It has been necessary to replace a large amount of piping at the hospital to correct low pressure and the job is still not complete.

If you know of a youngster who needs treatment at the Shriners' Hospital and if you believe he or she can qualify for admittance, an application can be obtained at the Aleppo Recorder's office or will be mailed upon request. Wouldn't you feel proud to sign as the sponsoring Noble?

While the pendulum of Masonic and Shrine membership swings with economic conditions and fraternal interests, we must prepare for possible lean years. Endowment is the best answer, and already one of our Units is so fully endowed that it no longer has to call upon the Shrine for any of its operational costs. Several of the other units are also well endowed, and the Board of Governors of the Springfield Unit believes that through the legal profession, trust officers, the courts, and interested Shriners in their consideration and recommendation of bequests and devises from an informed and sympathetic public, we will also be able to accomplish the full endowment of the Springfield Unit within a few years.

Many persons who are contemplating the making of a will, or who give to charities for tax purposes, would welcome information about our work upon which the shadow of commercialism has never fallen and to which they could help in giving thousands of crippled children a chance to lead useful and fruitful lives.

We will gladly help with forms prepared by our General Council which include: — Donor Drawing His Own Will, General Bequest, Real Estate Bequest, Trust Form, Residuary Clause, Life Insurance Policy Bequest.

Because the Springfield Unit, Shriners' Hospital, serves us here in New England it is probable that donors, and those making bequests, will wish this unit to benefit from their generosity.

In such cases a will should read: "I give, devise and bequeath unto Springfield Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, a Massachusetts Corporation, the sum of Dollars (\$.....) absolutely, to be used exclusively for the benefit of this Hospital, located in the City of Springfield, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation."

Any member of the Board of Governors, your Potentate, Recorder, or other Divan Member will gladly render any assistance and supply additional information needed.

The Board of Governors of our Springfield Unit consists of the following Nobles: Harry H. Caswell (Melha), Chairman Emeritus; Donald H. Mudd (Melha), Chairman; Leonard J. Presson (Melha), Vice Chairman; Edward Dronvall (Melha), Treasurer; Charles A. Frazer (Melha), Secretary; and the following District Representatives: Fred A. Holbrook (Melha), Springfield; Fred S. Conkey (Melha), Ware, Massachusetts; Ill. Potentate James Matthew (Melha) (ex-Officio); N. Russell Lynn (Aleppo), Boston, Massachusetts; Dr. F. Lawrence Bulfinch (Bektash), Concord, New Hampshire; Wilfred H. Dresser (Sphinx), Hartford, Connecticut; Edward B. Gallagher (Pyramid), Bridgeport, Connecticut; Elford H. Morison (Kora), Lewiston, Maine; Orville N. Kew (Mt. Sinai), Montpelier, Vermont; Alexander C. Mason (Cairo), Rutland, Vermont; Fred Nicholson (Cyprus), Albany, New York; Raymond, T. Adams (Anah), Bangor, Maine; Earl C. Whelden (Palestine), Providence, Rhode Island.

Our Springfield Unit of the Shrine Hospitals is under the supervision and direction of Garry deN. Hough, M.D., Chief Surgeon; Dorothy G. Forsythe, R.N., Director and Rachel M. Field, R.N., Assistant Director.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL CEREMONIAL "EACH ONE BRING ONE"

NOW is the time for all good Nobles to come to the aid of Aleppo. It is great to be a Shriner!

It is great to be a Noble of Aleppo!

Friday, November 21 Aleppo will hold its big annual Fall Ceremonial. Candidates joining Aleppo on this occasion will be members of the "George Washington Bicentennial Class."

There are many Nobles who have had the joy and pleasure of watching a friend cross the hot sands in Aleppo, and there are, no doubt, many who have not had this pleasure. To those who have not, we suggest that they sponsor a candidate for this special "George Washington Bicentennial Class" and join in the fun. "EACH ONE BRING ONE."

WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS

What this country needs is not more liberty, but less people who take liberty with our liberty.

What this country needs is not a job for every man, but a real man for every job.

What this country needs isn't to get more taxes from the people, but for the people to get more from taxes.

What this country needs is more paint on the old place and less paint on the young face.

What this country needs is more tractors and less detractors.